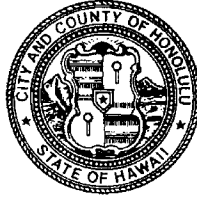


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June 8, 2010

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Thielen:

I am writing to you regarding the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project because consultation has been concluded in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (as amended) and its implementing regulations under 36 CFR 800, and the Programmatic Agreement (PA) has been finalized. We appreciate the efforts of the PA signatories—you as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)—to come to an agreement on the PA stipulations.

The execution of the PA signifies compliance with Section 106 and 36 CFR 800. We have completed the development and evaluation of alternatives or modifications to the undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties, in consultation with the signatories and consulting parties. The PA will govern the undertaking and all of its parts. The FTA will ensure that the undertaking is carried out in accordance with the PA. Compliance with the procedures established by the PA will satisfy the project's Section 106 responsibilities.

The PA has undergone extensive discussion among the signatories and other participants, including the State Historic Preservation Division and Deputy SHPO, and should be executed as written. However, after the document is executed, signatories, such as you, have sole authority to execute, amend, or terminate the agreement in accordance with 36 CFR 800. Therefore, your role in historic preservation and Section 106 will not terminate upon the signing of the PA. We also acknowledge that even with our reasonable and good-faith efforts to address all eventualities, there may be future issues unknown at this time that may require us to revisit the PA. Not only would we be happy to discuss and resolve those issues, but we are obligated to address them as they arise under Section 106 and 36 CFR 800.

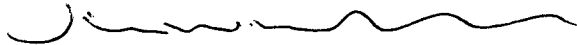
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The City is committed to historic preservation, as required under state and federal historic preservation laws, not only for this project but all projects under our jurisdiction.

We urge you to sign the PA as currently written and look forward to continuing to work with you, the FTA, ACHP, consulting parties, and stakeholders to develop and implement the PA and while the preliminary engineering and final design continue.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Toru Hamayasu, Project Manager, at 768-8344.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kirk W. Caldwell', with a wavy, horizontal line extending to the right.

Kirk W. Caldwell  
Managing Director

cc: Mr. Carl Bausch, FTA